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SUBJECT: KAL AIRCRAFT--PROTECTION OF PILOT AND NAVIGATOR

REFS: (A) SEOUL 3351, (B) MOSCOW 8794

1. BY NOTE TO MFA, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FORMAL REQUEST,  
UNDER ARTICLE 46 OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS, FOR U.S.G. TO UNDERTAKE PROTECTION OF REPUBLIC  
OF KOREA INTERESTS WITH REGARD TO PILOT AND NAVIGATOR  
OF KAL FLIGHT 902 AND RETURN OF AIRCRAFT AND REMAINING  
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CARGO.

2. SUGGESTED TEXT FOR BODY OF NOTE: BEGIN TEXT:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS BEEN  
ASKED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO UNDER-  
TAKE THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECENT  
LANDING OF A KOREAN AIRLINES BOEING 707 AIRLINER IN THE  
SOVIET UNION. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA REQUESTS AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR  
TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK. IN PARTICULAR, THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE USA WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THE WELL BEING AND  
REPATRIATION OF THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE AIRCRAFT'S CREW WHO

REMAIN IN THE SOVIET UNION AND DETAILS OF THE RETURN OF  
THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS CARGO TO THE KOREAN AIRLINE. END  
TEXT

3. DEPARTMENT WILL SUPPORT EMBASSY PRESENTATION OF NOTE  
WITH SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT NOTE WILL TAKE CARE OF FORMALITIES  
ON QUESTION OF U.S. REPRESENTATION OF KOREAN INTERESTS  
AS RAISED BY SINITSYN (REF B). VANCE

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